

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 remain in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are subject to examination. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended.

Under the heading "Claim Objections" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-3 and 5-23 because of informalities.

The Examiner stated that the "and/or" language in claims 1 and 11 is confusing.

Claims 1 and 11 have been rewritten to eliminate the objectionable language. In most cases, "and/or" has been replaced with language specifying that it could be either or both of the referenced components or options. In claim 11, "an input and/or output memory" is now simply introduced as a memory.

It is believed that the claim language is clear. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for clarification reasons. The changes are neither provided for overcoming the prior art nor do they narrow the scope of the claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

The examiner indicated that claims 1-3 and 5-23 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the objection, and it is believed that the objection has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-23 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Sterner LLP, No. 12-1099.

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